

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

In order to expedite prosecution, claim 53 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 54 and claims 43-46, 54 and 60-66 have been cancelled. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

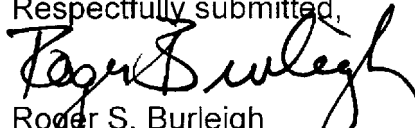
2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-40 and 67. In addition, the Examiner indicated that claims 54 and 56-59 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant has amended claim 53 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 54, which has been cancelled; therefore, claim 53 is now allowable. Whereas claims 55-59 are dependent from claim 53, and include the limitations thereof, those claims are also now allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3, 4, 6-40, 53, 55-59 and 67.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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